The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title and Preamble were put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Motion was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-10 p. m. and re-assembled at 2-15 p. m. with the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Avl., B. A. & B. L.) in the Chair.

The Cochin Police Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I beg to introduce the Cochin Police Regulation Amendment Bill, and in doing so, I shall say just a few words by way of explanation. Hon'ble Members are aware that the Cochin Police Regulation was amended in the year 1098 by means of Regulation VI of 1098. Regulation VI of 1098 introduces Section 24 (a) and that section reads thus:—

"After the end of Section 24 of Regulation 1 of 1058 add the following as Section 24 A—In any local area in which he thinks fit the District Magistrate with the previous sanction of Government and subject to such orders as may have been made by a Municipal or other local authority empowered in this respect may, from time to time, make rules not inconsistent with this Regulation."

Hon'ble Members will notice that these rules relate mainly to the preservation of order, the securing of safety and the assuring of cleanliness in places of public resort and things like that highly necessary for the proper maintenance of modern society, especially in towns. Such powers are fully required for the proper protection of order. Hon'ble Members will also notice that no sanctions are prescribed in these rules. Unfortunately, the Regulation does not also prescribe such sanctions. Generally when a legal provision is introduced, sanctions are prescribed and in the case of provisions of a criminal nature, criminal sanctions are prescribed. The amendment itself reads thus: Whoever contravenes any rules made under section 24 (A) shall, on

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